



Arkansas State Board of Cosmetology

101 E Capitol, Suite 108
Little Rock, AR 72201
Voice: (501) 682-2168
Fax: (501) 682-5640
www.arkansas.gov/cos

Student Advisory Committee Executive Summary

A new concept to cosmetology, the Student Advisory Committee will help the State Board to:

- ✓ Facilitate an open-door policy between the State Board's staff and cosmetology students;
- ✓ Provide insight on the changing educational needs in cosmetology;
- ✓ Provide insight on the changing needs within our industry;
- ✓ Develop materials to educate students, the industry and the public issues relating to cosmetology; and
- ✓ Improve the image of cosmetology in Arkansas.

The Committee is facilitated by the Board's President and Director and includes board members who do not participate in the examination process.

The Committee consists of ten positions that at the time of selection were evenly split between currently enrolled students and licensees who received their license within a specified six-month period. Applications were accepted from interested persons and a drawing was held on September 18, 2006, to select those who would fill the positions. Applications were received from 36 eligible persons. Of these, 20 represented currently enrolled students and 16 recent licensees. From the beginning, the goal was to have each congressional district and course of study/license type represented on the Committee. We were partially successful in that each congressional district is represented.

The first Committee members chosen to participate in a "currently enrolled" position were:

- ♦ **Paige Porter** - enrolled as a cosmetology student at Blytheville Academy of Cosmetology, which is in the 1st Congressional District.
- ♦ **Betty Witt** - enrolled as a cosmetology instructor student at Searcy Beauty College, which is in the 2nd Congressional District.
- ♦ **Taylor Johnson** - enrolled as a cosmetology student at Fayetteville Beauty College, which is in the 3rd Congressional District.
- ♦ **Joel Nutt** - enrolled as a cosmetology student at Career Academy of Hair Design, which is in the 3rd Congressional District.
- ♦ **Marchell Jordan** - enrolled as a cosmetology student at Margaret's Hair Academy II, which is in the 4th Congressional District.

The first Committee members chosen to participate in a "recent licensee" position were:

- ♦ **Natalie Mobley** - a licensed cosmetologist and recently licensed as a cosmetology instructor. She is from Jonesboro, which is in the 1st Congressional District.
- ♦ **Tiphonie Gatewood** - recently licensed as a cosmetologist. She is from North Little Rock, which is in the 2nd Congressional District.
- ♦ **Krissa Thompson** - recently licensed as an aesthetician. She is from Mountainburg, which is in the 3rd Congressional District.
- ♦ **Heather Whitlock** - a licensed cosmetologist and recently licensed as a cosmetology instructor. She is from El Dorado, which is in the 4th Congressional District.
- ♦ **Marlana Brennan** - recently licensed as a cosmetologist. She is from Camden, which is in the 4th Congressional District.

The Cosmetology Board is excited to have an opportunity to work closely with those who are approaching our industry with a fresh perspective, as this will challenge us to continually evaluate the changing needs of our industry and make improvements as necessary.